GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3823
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003
PROCUREMENT OF WAG-6 LOCOMOTIVES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the World Bank assistance, the Railways procured 18 numbers WAG-6 locomotives of 6000 HP at a cost of Rs. 200.00 crores;

(b) whether periodical overhauls of these locos were not carried out on stipulated dates due to non-availability of spares and technical know-how and manufacturing drawings, tool kits etc.;

(c) whether these locos were declared unsafe in September 2000 and withdrawn from traffic service;

(d) whether any investigation has been made into this lapse and to fix accountability; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3823 BY VINAY KUMAR SORAKE TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.8.2003 REGARDING PROCUREMENT OF WAG-6 LOCOMOTIVES.

(a) Indian Railways had procured 18 Nos. prototype WAG-6 6000 H.P. Electric Locomotives (six WAG 6-B type and six WAG 6-C type from M/s Sumitomo Corporation, Japan and six WAG 6-A type from M/s ABB, Sweden). The locomotives were received in the year 1988. FOB (Free-on-Board) price of the locomotives was Japanese Yen 5,278,370,600 and Swedish Kroner 133,384,570 respectively. The FOB cost of these locomotives was Rs. 88 crore (approx).

(b) & (c) Due to the less number of these prototype locomotives and non availability of all required spares, the periodic overhaul (POH) of these WAG-6 locomotives has been delayed. These locomotives were temporarily withdrawn from service. Two WAG-6A locomotives and four WAG-6C type locomotives have since undergone their POH and are in service from 1.4.2003. POH of two WAG-6A and two WAG-6C locomotives is presently in hand. POH of remaining 8 locomotives is programmed thereafter.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.